VIRGINIA OFFICE-SEEKERS GLOOMY.

The Prospect for Them Anything But Bright-The Administration Not Wasting Paying Patronage on Democratic States-Personal Points

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.-(Spectal.)-It is clear that President McKinley has not a very exalted opinion of his Republican supporters in the South. There is no representative from that section in his Cabinet. Gary, who is a northern set tler in Maryland, was appointed Postmaster-General at the instance of Senator Wellington, who, with the aid of a Democratic newspaper, carried Maryland Republican last fall. This, however, is not regarded by southern Republicans as any recognition of their section. Neither is Maryland, any more than West Virginia, looked upon as strictly a Southern

The appointment of H. Clay Evans, an other northern man, who is now a resi-dent of Tennessee, to a secondary posttion, is similar to that of Gary, from Maryland. The men are not southern Republicans. They did not come from the South, and they did not serve in the Confederate army. McKinley has com-pletely ignored this class, Not one of hem, so far, has been appointed to any big office, and with the exception of Buck, of Georgia, not one of them has been rewarded even by a decent consulate. Both Arthur and Harrison were more partial to the southern Republicans than McKinley, who has "turned down," as it were, all the Simon-pure Republic cans from the South who were aspirants for the big positions, and they were quite numerous. A LOFTY SCORN.

He seems not only to have no regard or respect for them, but, as one of them indignantly remarked, he treats all or them with a lofty contempt.

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Some of the Virginians here, who have been industriously pie-hunting, begin to think themselves in the latter category. The only appointment made from the army of applicants who were so "strongly endorsed and highly recommended," is that of Mr. Park Agnew, of Alexandria, to fill what was practically a vacant internal-revenue collectorship. All the Virginia aspirants for assistant secretary-ships, assistant postimasterships-general, foreign missions, consulships-general, foreign missions, consulships-general, good consulships, and other decent offices, have received no sort of recognition from the McKinley Administration. It is said that the President is intent on giving the good places to the States which gave him electoral votes, and that he will not consider southern applications until after he has dispensed the bulk of the paying batronage, and then he will give his attention to the southerners, as vacancies occur in the local offices.

As for the departments, there is no hance of getting a decent place in any at them as long as the civil-service rules toply, and if these are broken through here will be a sufficiency of ple-hunters from the "toyal" States to fill all the offices at the disposal of the administration, without going south of Mason and Dixon's line. The prospect for the Virginia office-seekers is by no means bright. The horde of them now here, depending in the influence of General James A. Walker, John R. Brown, and others, are osing valuable time, and spending their money unnecessarily. Some of the Virginians here, who have

PERSONAL ITEMS.

Harry Marks, Richmond, Va.; E. F.
Busch, Leesburg, Va.; L. H. McGavock,
Max Meadows, Va.; Miss A. J. Johnson,
Charlotte, N. C., and Miss Gracle Wilson,
Lynchburg, are at the Metropolitan.
Evangelist S. H. Schoolfeld, of Danville,
Va., Is in the city, stopping at the Metropolitan.

Mr. J. W. Womack, of Richmond, who
has been travelling extensively in Southwest Virginia, arrived in the city yesterday, and will leave for home to-morrow
morning. PERSONAL ITEMS.

L. Strother, Virginia; J. G. Miller, North Carolina; H. D. Gibson, Virginia; T. M. Sanderlin, and C. H. Brown, Virginia— Howard House. Howard House.
R. T. Brain and Mrs. Brain, of Halifax,
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J. B. Terane and A. S. Martin, Richmond; C. F. Mesne, Raleigh, N. C.; F. F. Allen, Newport News, Va.; B. Lowenthal, Norfolk, Va.; L. Edwards, Goldsboro', N. C.; W. W. Burgess and wife, Virginia—The St. James.

E. A. Robertson, Norfolk; W. S. Stuart rand wife and R. H. Jenkins, Virginia—The National.

S. N. Folkerson, Virginia; K. Davidson, Virginia—The Raleigh.

Hon, T. Spicer Curlett, of Lancaster county, Va. arrived to-day, and will at once proceed to push his claims for a good-sized slice of pie.

POSTAL NOTES.

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"Post-Office of Foreign Mails.

"Washington, D. C., April 16, 1897.

"The International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union, at Berne, Switzerland, has officially announced that samples' of articles composed of glass or other fragile substances, are admissible to the mails exchanged between the French Colonies of Cochin-China and Cambodia, the Ivory Coust, Guadeloupe, and the French establishments in India, and the other countries of the Universal Postal Union; provided, said samples are packed so as to preclude the possibility of injury to postal employees or the correspondence, in case the articles should break.

"Samples" of articles composed of glass or other fragile substances, in unscaled packages, are, therefore, admissible to the mails for or from the French Colonies and establishments in question; provided, they do not exceed the limits of weight or size prescribed for 'samples' of merchandise' in Postal Union mails, as stated in paragraph g' of Note 13, on page 299 of the Postal Cuide for January, 1857; and that they are packed in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 1, 2, and 3, of section 222, on page 130, of the Postal Laws and Regulations 1893.

"Packages containing the 'samples' in question which conform to the foregoing conditions should be received for mailing to the French Colonies and establishments in gestion; and when received from said Colonies and establishments aftely packed should be delivered to the addressees.

"By direction of the Postamaster-General."

"Superintendent of Foreign Mails."

Robert D. Waggoner has been commissioned a fourth-class postmaster at Walkerton, N. C.—a money-order office. James A. Logan has been commissioned a fourth-class postmaster at Walkerton, N. C.—a money-order office. James A. Logan has been commissioned a fourth-class postmaster at Yadkinville, N. C.

NORTH CAROLINA JUDGESHIP.

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There is no change in the North Carolina judgeship situation. Mr. Purnell clearly has the sympathy of the President and the support of Senator Pritchard, but the Attorney-General is opposed to his appointment. To Senator Pritchard's request for Purnell's appointment, the Attorney-General declined to recommend it, adding that if the President made the appointment, it would be done against his protest. The talk that Judge Robinson is favored by the Attorney-General because he is a Catholic is said to be unjust and unfounded. The disagreement between the Attorney-General and the President is the cause of the delay. Senator Pritchard is urging action, and immediate action is promised.

Among the North Carolina arrivals today were ex-Judge Allen of Goldsboro'; John F. Woody, and Clerk of the Person County Court Pass.

PATENTS. NORTH CAROLINA JUDGESHIP.

PATENTS.

Among the patents issued to-day were the following: W. H. Ball, Charlotterville, Va., lock; Martin J. Hughes, Portsmouth, plug for boiler-tubes; Joe Morris, Newport News, combination article of furniture; James W. Meade, Vorfolk, assignor of one half to E. F. Lydlett, Elizabeth City, N. C., rallway tog; Samuel S. Miller, Bridgewater, assigner of one half to E. Purcell, Jr., nd W. H. Rickard, Harrisonburg, bottle-stopper, PATENTS.

in cases where there are several appli-General James A. Walker and John R. grown, the defeated congressman in the lifth District, had a long conference at

Fifth District, had a long conference at the Metropolitan to-day.

Among the Richmond arrivals to-night were Colonel Otway Allen, who stopped over on his way to Baltimore, where he has an important business engagement to-morrow. President William R. Trigg, of the Locomotive-Works, and Mr. W. G. Crenshaw, who will remain over to-morrow, and Judge L. L. Lewis, who went to stop with some friends. Ex-Congressman Tazewell Ellett passed through on his way to New York.

The young ladies from Roanoke College, forty-two in number, are enjoying themselves immensely. They visited some of the departments to-day, the Capitol, and the library, and will go to Mt. Vernon to-morrow.

M'KINLEY AND GRANT MONUMENT. President and Vice-President Will

Go On Separate Trains. WASHINGTON, April 20.-The arrange ments for the President's trip to New York to attend the dedication of the Grant monument, April 26th, have been Grant monument, April 26th, have been perfected. President McKinley, with his family, the members of the Cabinet and their wives, the ambassadors and ministers of foreign countries, and a few specially invited guests, will leave here on a special train over the Pennsylvania railroad at 19:29 Monday morning, arriving in New York at 4:29. General Miles, commander of the army, and Admiral Brown, the ranking admiral of the navy, will accompany the President, as a special escort.

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Vice-President Hobart and the members of the Senate and House will leave here on a special train over the Baltimore and Ohlo on Tuesday.

The precaution of having the President and Vice-President travel separately on such occasions is taken because, while no danger is anticipated, it is regarded as wise to guard against the remotest possibility of embarrassing the administration of the government in case of the disability of the President.

NOMINATIONS BY THE PRESIDENT. Cornelius Van Cott to Be Postmaster

at New York. WASHINGTON, April 20.-The President to-day sent to the Senate list of nominations, among which were

several of importance; State-John A. Merritt, of New York. be Third Assistant Postmaster-Gene-

Postmasters—New York, Cornelius Van Cott, at New York city; Melvin M. Conklin, at Elmita; Andrew J. Pol-lock at Pensacola, Fla.; John W. Clong, at Statesville, N. C. at Statesville, N. C., Interior-James L. Davenport, of New Hampshire, First Deputy Commissioner of Pensions; Leverett M. Kelley, of Il-linois, Second Deputy Commissioner of

Treasury-William Youngblood, of Alabama, to be Auditor for the Interior Debama, to be Auditor for the Interior Department.
Interior—William A. Jones, of Wisconsin, to be Commissioner of Indian Affairs; Simon S. Matthews, of Misslesippl. to be Register of the Land Office at Jackson, Miss.

FOURTH-CLASS POSTMASTERS.

How They Shall Be Named in Virginia Not Decided.

WASHINGTON, April 20,-The Fourth-Assistant Postmaster-General has not yet taken up the cases of fourth-class post-masters in the Democratic districts of Virginia, not having decided who should be allowed to name such appointments. In districts of Virginia represented in Congress by Republicans the congressman has been allowed to suggest the names of men to fill vacancies and to replace postmasters whose terms of office have expired. In the case of Virginia it is yet to be determined whether the Republican State Committee will be allowed the privilege of disposing of the patronage. Virginia, not having decided who should.

Cuban Conditions Intolerable.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—The subcommittee from the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs to-day examined Mr. Earl, a correspondent of several newspapers, in regard to the condition of affairs in Cuba. Mr. Earl recently returned from the island, where he spent all his time with the Spanish forces in Habana and Pinar del Rio. He represented the condition of affairs to be intolerably bad.

Virginia Postmasters. WASHINGTON, April 20.-The follow-

ing Virginia fourth-class po were appointed to-day: Golden Springs, W. R. Smyth New Store, A. S. Gillam, New Hope, C. R. Parr. Schuyler, J. B. Fortune, Well Water, J. C. Turner, Jr. WEATHER MAN JAILED.

Fined for Contempt of Court-Fine Afterwards Remitted. CLEVELAND, O., April 20.-Major W. B. Stockman, of the United States Web-

ther Bureau, was sent to jail by Judge Ong this afternoon for contempt of court. Stockman had been called as a witness in a damage case, and was expected to tell the jury whether it rained on a certain day. He did not appear when called, and Judge Ong issued an attachment for him. The Major was on the way to the court-house when the Deputy Sheriff met him. Judge Ong lectured the Major severely. Stockman upheld with dignity that he was busy with work for the United States Government, and added that he had written orders from the department to attend upon courts only when he had completed those official duties.

Judge Ong repited warmly that he did not understand that government officials were above the courts, or that the courts had to wait until they had leisure. He, therefore, fined Stockman is and costs, and held him committed uptil paid. Stockman was exceedingly indignant, and announced that he would report the case to the department at Washington. Judge Ong tool him to do so by all means. The Major left the court-room in a rage, without paying his fine. Judge Ong sent a deputy sheriff after him, and ordered him taken to jail.

Major Stockman declared that a government official cannot be compelled to attend a civil court when busy, and that Judge Ong will find it out.

At 2:35 o'clock this afternoon Judge Ong held a consultation with District-Attorney Dodge, and as the result of the interview the Judge deedded to remit Stockman's fine. Stockman's fleese Judge Ong directed that the clerk communicate with the department at Washington to obtain a ruling as to whether government duties take precedence over a court's order. ther Bureau, was sent to jail by Judge Ong this afternoon for contempt of court.

CASHIER STICKNEY'S MURDER. Suspect Kelly Confesses Both That and the Robbery.

BOSTON, April 20.-A special to the fournal from Montreal to-day says that loseph E. Kelly confessed to-day to the murder of Cashier Stickney at Somersworth, N. H. He admitted that he committed both the murder and the robbery, and says that he had no accomplice. He insisted, however, that he had no intention of killing the cashler, but that he had to do it, because the old gentleman recognized him. After felling Mr. Stickney with blows on the head, when the cashier showed signs of regaining consciousness, he slashed him with a knife. When Kelly arose this morning he sent for Detective Cote and asked him if he did not think it would be better for him to tell all he knew. Cote naturally encouraged him to do so. Then Kelly sent for Chief Carpenter and made a confession to him to the effect that he alone committed the murder, and that he had hidden the remainder of the money at St. Clete, which is not far from St. Justine de Newton.

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In talking to Cote and some of the other detectives, Kelly told a great many strange incidents about his trip. Among other things he intimated that he had stolen the clothes with which he was disgulated from an old woman whom he met at St. Justine de Newton.

At Aggie Ashton's house, in Montreal, Kelly said that he was a man out for a lark. The woman suspected Kelly and telephoned for the police. When he left the house in charge of the officers he said: "Well, good-by: the next time you hear of me it will be at the end of a tope," and he laughingly made a sign which meant that he was going to be hanged.

BALTIMORE, MD., April 20.—(Special.) Professor Harry W. Porter, who organized and directed the great chorus of 600 voices which sang at the convention of the Baptist Young People's Union in this city in 1895, has been engaged to take charge of the music at the Chattanooga gathering. He will go South in June, and organize in that city a chorus of 309 voices for the convention, which opens July 18th.

LYNN ON THE PRISON

THE SUPERINTENDENT SPEAKS OF

MUCH-NEEDED REFORMS. HOW PRISON ASSOCIATION MAY HELP.

Bishop Penick Also Speaks-The Aunual Meeting of the Board and Election of Officers-Financial Statement and Results Achieved.

The annual meeting of the Prison Asso clation of Virginia was held in the pariors of the Young Men's Christian Association last night. President Caskie was in the chair, and the attendance was a large and representative one. Bishop Penick and Major Lynn were visitors at the meeting, and both were invited to address the association.

Major Lynn said he had come to ask the sympathy of the association for the work that was being carried on at the penitentiary, and sympathy also for the prisoners. Between five hundred and six hundred prisoners are received and dismissed at the penitentiary each year. Something, he urged, should be done for the men when they are released. When they leave the gates of the prison they are often without money, the world turns its back upon them, and they do not know where to go or what to do. The Superintendent is permitted, at his own discretion, to give each prisoner a sum or money not exceeding \$10, but experience had shown that more often than not the money had been spent in dissipation. Sometimes the prisoners leave the pent

tentiary with a considerable sum of money, made by working overtime, and these often fall into the hands of the discharged criminals who infest Penitentiary Bottom, and are robbed of everything. If the association had an agent to find out where the prisoners are going, and to meet them when they come out of fall, they might often be started in the right direction, instead of coming hopelessly to grief before they have been free for many hours, as they often do. Some of the men, continued Major Lynn, have spent half their lives in prison, and when they are set free it is like entering a new world. The speaker extended a cordial invitation to the association to visit the penitentiary. He was very proud, he said, of the business part of the institution, which had been most successful.

CHANGES THAT ARE NEEDED.

CHANGES THAT ARE NEEDED. Major Lynn then dwelt upon the evils of the congregate system in vogue at the Major Lynn then dwelt upon the evils of the congregate system in vogue at the penitentiary. Another point which Major Lynn presented to the attention of the association was the necessity for revision of the criminal laws. At present they were very unfair. He had received a man from one section for eighteen years for stealing an old horse, while another man from a different section came under sentence of two years for robbing a bank of thousands. The effect was most demoralizing. In conclusion he urged that an effort should be made to procure indeterminate laws, under which system a prisoner would be made to work out his own freedom by his good behavlor.

Mr. Caskle thanked Major Lynn in the name of the association. All the items, he said, on which the Superintendent had touched were within the scope of the objects of the association. They would, no doubt, take the matter up, and render all the assistance in their power.

BISHOP PENICK'S ADDRESS.

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Until this has been done it is useless, he insisted, to attempt to accomplish anything in the way of prison reform. The association should induce every minister of the Gospel in the State of Virginia to agitate the question, and such pressure should be brought to bear on the Legislature that the matter should be remedied instantly.

In reply to a question from Major Stiles, Major Lynn stated that the institution would be willing to pay for the improvements out of the earnings, it might be necessary, he said, to sell bonds endorsed by the State, but everything would be

the State, but everything would be aid for in a very few years. Major Stiles spoke in support of Major yrn's suggestions. ELECTION OF OFFICERS,

The meeting then went into the election of officers. A resolution was adopted that a committee of three should be nominated to make recommendations, and the Chair appointed Messrs. Harwood, Cringan, and Poindexier. The committee reported the following, which was adopted: gan, and Poindexter. The committee reported the following, which was adopted: President, Mr. James Caskie; Pirst Vice-President, Major Robert Stiles; Second Vice-President, Mr. A. H. Christian, Jr. These officers were all named as ex-officing members of the Board of Directors, which also includes the following: Mossrs. Thomas Potts, Virginius Newton, E. T. D. Myers, E. E. Addison, John Cringan, John S. Harwood, G. C. Jefferson, Joseph C. Lamb, H. M. Smith, Jr., J. R. Tucker, Jr., Marx Gunst, C. V. Meredith, Rosewell Page, Thomas Poindexter, F. Sitterding, B. B. Munford, and S. M. Woodward.

Mr. A. H. Christian then presented the following report of the financial status of the institution:

nited States Government 3 135 00 | Equipment | 2,335 30 |
Farm implements	164 to
Live stock	685 25
State of Virgina	1,296 03
Wright Brothers	167 22
Cash in bank	24 22

Debts

Balance\$
WHAT IP ACCOMPLISHES. WHAT IP ACCOMPLISHES.

Superintendent W. C. Sampson, of the Industrial School, submitted a pamphlet, which, after giving a description of the school, its location, training system, and other interesting information, sums up the results attained by the institution as follows: Ninety-three per cent, of the boys discharged, having galues, their "honor badges," are reported to be doing well. Thirty per cent, of the boys prematurety discharged have been, or are now, in police trouble, and 15 per cent, of the remainder are reported as doing badly. Taking all discharged boys, \$3.1.2 per cent, show a good record—a result highly gratifying. Average time in school for discharged boys was one year, seven months, and twenty-six days. The school is now in a very flourishing condition, and is open at all times for inspection. Visitors are always made welcome. The desire of those in charge is to make the school year by year a still greater blessing to the community.

After the adjournment of the association the Board of Directors met in executive session.

ecutive session.

Arrangements Practically Complete. The Governor Will Probably Go.

The two companies of the Blues' Battallon met after drill last night and discussed their trip to New York. The boys will start on Sunday morning, but the hour has not yet been set, this and other details being left open until Governor O'Ferrall decides definitely whether he will attend the unveiling or not.

The great travelling trunks of the battalion have been brought out for necessary repairs, and three new trunks have been purchased for the transportation of the helmets. Uniforms are being pressed and nearly everything is in readiness. There will be a battalion drill to-morrownight, at which the 120 men who are to undertake the trip are ordered to be present. Final arrangements will be announced after the inspection.

Major Cutchins said last night that from conversations he had had upon the subject with the Governor, he felt convinced that he would go to New York. hour has not yet been set, this and other

CITY-HALL COURT NEWS.

Small Assignment Yesterday-Cases Postponed-Other Matters. E. Rose, a retail clothing deater and tailor, at No. 124 west Broad street, made an assignment yesterday to Marion L. Dawson, trustee. The liabilities are about \$590. The trustee is to take immediate possession of the stock and dispose of

the same, applying the proceeds to the payment of the debts, which were designated as follows:

First-A. Guessippi, note \$95; Mrs. Lena Zipier, \$90; W. A. Cheatwood, \$120; Rosen & Link, \$22.

Second-S. Stern, \$50.

Third-AM other creditors ratably.
Judge Witt still being absent from the city, the Hustings Court was opened yesterday by Judge Lamb. The cases set for trial-those of Charles Braxton. Terry Tyler, Samuel Rucker, and James Thomas-were continued until the 23d instant.

Clerk Christian issued marriage license to William E. Smith and Annie Rebecc Farmer Farmer.
The suit of H. M. Norment against the Hasker & Marcus Company, for \$5,000 damages for personal injury, is on trial in the Law and Equity Court.

FROST EXPECTED LAST NIGHT.

Damage Expected to Fruit and Vege tables-Addition to the Force. Section-Director Evans, of the Weather Bureau, has been notified that Mr. Charles Dill, of the Leavenworth (Kan.) station, has been assigned to the Richmond office. The local staff will thus consist of four men, and, under the immediate super

men, and, under the immediate supervision of this office the reporting station,
just established by Mr. Evans at Warrenton, will be conducted.

The forecast issued yesterday afternoon
indicated frost last night in Virginia and
over the middle portion of North Carolina,
with a promise of warmer weather tomorrow. Should the prognostication be
fulfilled it will mean that considerable
damage will be done to tender vegetables
and fruit blooms throughout the State.

WON IN THE NINTH ROUND,

Exciting Boxing Match Between Richmond and Chestnut-Hill Men. There was a boxing match in Henrico

quite exciting. It occurred a mile or two north of the city, on a race track, and was between two light-weight athletes-one from Rien-mond and one from Chestnut Hill-for a purse of \$25. Some twenty-five or thirty friends of

the participants went out in private conveyances, and enjoyed the sport. The Chestnut Hill man won in the ninth round.

Mr. Single and Bride Return. Mr. and Mrs. George W. Slagle, the happy bride and groom whose marriage in Washington on Monday was announced in the Dispatch, returned home yesterday afternoon. The elopement had been planned in company to dispatch in the property of the in the Dispatch, returned home yesterday afternoon. The elopement had been planned, it seems, to circumvent an obstacle to the marriage interposed by the relatives of either party. Mr. Skagle was a Catholic, while his pretty fiancee, Miss Bertha Powers, was a Baptist. Each famely objected to the marriage being celebrated according to the rites of the church to which the other belonged.

The ceremony was performed in Washington by Rev. J. J. Muir, of E-Street Baptist church, in the presence of Mr. S. B. Wilkins of Dallas, Texas, who acted as best man; Rev. Bam Small, the evangelist; Charles P. McEnery, son of Senator McEnery, and Messrs. Mullin, Meagle, Powelf, and Marmaduke.

Mr. and Mrs. Slagle will live on O street, Church Hill. They were very cordially received yesterday by their relatives.

From Adjutant-General's Office.

First Lieutenat and Ordnance Offi-er William H. Anderson, First Bat-allon (colored), passed a successful ex-First Lieutenat and Ordbance Unicer William H. Anderson, First Battallon (colored), passed a successful examination yesterday morning at the office
of the Adjutant-General. The Examining
Board consisted of Adjutant-General Anderson, Assistant-Inspector-General Stern,
and Colonel Harry Hodges, Fourth Regiment Infantry, of Norfolk.

Permission has been given by the Chief
Executives of the States of Maryland,
Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York
to the troops of Virginia that expect to
participate in the ceremonies connected
with the dedication of the Grant monument, to pass through their territories
with arms.

North Carolina Glee Club To-Night. The Glee, Banjo, and Mandolin clust the University of North Carolina w be at the Academy to-night, in a varied and attractive programme. The entertainment is under distinguished local patronage, which backed by the former achievements of the boys from the Tarheel university, es entertainers, should ensure a large audience.

THE HAT-TRIMMINGS CASE,

and which had been postponed from time to time for the past three years, was to time for the past three years, was finally decided in favor of the government by a jury in the United States Circuit Court this afternoom. (The suit was brought as a test case by Meyer & Dickinson, big importers of this city, who sought to recover from the United States Government a difference of 20 per cent, in customs duties. The firm's contention was that the importations in question consisted solely of hat trimmings, on which the duty under the McKinley tariff act was only 20 per cent, but the Federal officials, in their argument, maintained that the merchandise was used chiefly for dresses and dress trimmings, and that the duty of 50 per cent, levied by the government was proper. Meyer & Dickinson were nominally the plaintiffs, but there were hundreds of big importing firms throughout the country who were interested in the outcome of the suit, and who were instrumental in procuring the who were instrumental in procuring the

BENNINGS RACE-TRACK.

\$18,085 83 Peconic Wins the Easter Steeplechase, with Ease.

WASHINGTON, April 29.-The fields at Bennings to-day were rather small, and with but one exception the talent found no trouble in picking the winners. Her Own, an Sto-1 shot, surprised the crowd by coming in first in the third. Peconic was an easy winner in the Easter steepic-chase, the event of the day. Attendance fair. Track fast, Summaries:

First race—six furlongs—Ge Ge (10 to 3) won. Mahoney & to 1) second, Loch Glyn (15 to 1) third. Time, 1:17 4-5.

Second race—four and a half furlongs—Siy Fox & to 19) won. Tantris (12 to 1) second, Water Crest (10 to 1) third. Time, 57 4-5. no trouble in picking the winners. Her

Third race—six furlongs—Her Own (8 to 1) won, Russler (7 to 16) second, Slow Poke (4 to 16) third. Time, 1:17.

Fourth race—one mile—Dutch Skater (11 to 20) won, Brisk (9 to 5) second, Valley (29 to 1) third. Time, 1:16.

Fifth race—Easter steeplechase, purse \$750, 4-year-olds and upwards, about two miles—Peconic (7 to 19) won, Mars Chan (6 to 1) second, Decaped (2 to 1) third. Time, 4:11.

CUBAN TOBACCO EXPORTS,

Habana Newspaper Says American Contracts Are Fraudulent.

HABANA, April 20.-La Lucha insists editorially to-day that the contracts made by Americans for the export of tobacco are fraudulent. It says that the manufacturers' union has proofs that the tofacturers' union has proofs that the to-bacco in question was not purchased be-fore the issuance of General Weyler's edict prohibiting the exportation, and adds that the government at Washington will be the first to withdraw when con-vinced that unscrupulous American citi-zens have imposed upon its good faird. Meanwhile, a feeling of disgust is spread-ing among the tobacconists, both grow-ers and manufacturers.

Customs Receipts Nearly \$1,000,000 Customs Receipts Nearly \$1,000,000.

NEW YORK, April 20.—Customs receipts to-day almost touched the million-dollar mark. The sum of \$23,59.71 was received for straight imports, and \$125,232.55 for withdrawals, making a total of \$20,-142.56. This unusually large sum represents imports of general merchandise, largely dry goods, which are pouring in because of the pending tariff bill.

Funeral of Mrs. Hanna. CLEVELAND, O., April 29.—The funeral of Mrs. S. M. Hanna, the mother of Senaton M. A. Hanna, was held from her late residence, No. 725 Prospect street, this afternoon. Dr. S. P. Sprecher officiated. The utmost simplicity was observed in all the details. The pall-bearers were her grandsons. The interment was at Lakeview Cemetery.

Articles for a Rowing Race. ORILLA. ONT. April 29.—Champion Gaudaur has signed articles with Rus. Rogers, of Worcester, Mass., for a two-mile race, to be rowed at Orilla on May 24th, for the championship of America and \$500 a side.

GOVERNMENT RELIEF

AID EXTENDED FLOOD SUFFERERS NORTH AND SOUTH.

The Mississippi Falling in Neighborhood of Vicksburg-Situation at New Orleans Unchanged-Vigilance of Levee-Watchers Unrelaxed.

WASHINGTON, April 20.-Secretary Alger was to-day handed the following telegram by its recipient: "Pembina, N. D., April 19th,
"Hon. H. C. Hansbrough, Washington:
"The storm of yesterday, in connection with the flood, has left over 200 people destitute along Red River in this county.

Aid is needed at once. Can anything be done? Local committee is unable to render sufficient aid.

(Signed) "JUDSON LAMOURE." This news came as a surprise to the War Department officials. The officer who had been sent to the Red-river country has returned, reporting that there was no call for government aid. As the de-partment has no agent in that section, it

will communicate directly with the Mayor of Pembina, and probably authorize him to extend aid to the destitute. The following report came to-day from the inspecting officer at New Orleans: "I have had interviews with parties represented to me as responsible, who report that 372 persons, including men, women, and children, are destitute from the over flow in the vicinity of Nastor, on the left last night, which, from all accounts, was bank, below the organized levee district, and have practically been in that condition for several weeks. It is recommended that rations be shipped to them for three weeks." The department has already adopted this suggestion.

MISSISIPPI RIVER FALLING.

MEMPHIS TENN. April 20.—The river at Vicksburg, Helena, Natchez, and all along from St. Joseph, La., to Bayou Sara, La., is reported as either stationary or falling to-night. This condition is the result of the vast amount of water passing through the crevasses in the Biggs and Reed levees, above Natchez, and at Hancock's, below. The levees in the Immediate vicinity of Natchez continue to hold under the great strain, but their holding is now of little interest to the planters in Concordia, Tensas, and Madison parishes, as the water backed up from the breaks above and below will soon flood the rich lands of these parishes, and the result will be almost as disastrous as if other breaks should occur. The Red and Tensas rivers are now swelling and aimost running over their banks, and by to-morrow they will begin spreading over a section of thirty miles to the interior. Work continues on the levees, however, without abatement, and everything possible is being done to hold the remainder of the levee system intact. At Memphis the river continues to fail. Reports from Greenville, Roscadae, and Cairo state that an encouraging decline is noted.

LOSS OF LIFE. MISSISSIPPI RIVER FALLING.

NATCHEZ, MISS. April 20.—At Bayou Videl, in the lower portion of Madison parish, the water from the Biggs crevasse caught the people unprepared and unaware of danger. Word was sent out from that locality requesting that boats be dispatched at once, as the people were drowning. How many were actually dead is unknown, but Thomas Blackman, his wife, and infant are known to have been drowned. It is believed others have perished, Boats have been sent to the locality. LOSS OF LIFE.

SITUATION AT NEW ORLEANS. NEW ORLEANS, LA., April 20.—The river was 18.9 feet above low-water mark this morning, and the feeling of uneastness has nowhere subsided. Thousands of the range of work in city and country men are at work in city and country. Besides constant strengthening of the banks, many armed men patrol the levees at night to guard against their being cut.

SPANISH GENBOAT OPERATIONS. Cuban Insurgents Captured or Kill-

ed-Insurgent Camps Destroyed. HABANA, April 20,-The Spanish gunoat Delgado Parejo left here on Wed-

nesday tast for the mouth of the San Juan river, province of Santa Clara, to protect the landing of a detachment of troops shipped there on board the steam-It Is Finally Decided in Favor of the Government.

PHILADELPHIA, April 29.—The famous hat-trimmings case, which indirectly inauthor of armed insurgents was sightwhich the solder has been a boat with a number of armed insurgents was sighted. The gunboat opened fire upon her, killed four of the insurgents, who were thrown overboard by their comrades, and wounded a number of others, eventually capturing the surviving insurgents.

Froceeding up the Sen Juan with the lighters, the gunboat protected the landing of two detachments of troops, who destroyed insurgent camps, captured quantities of arms and documents, and returned with two insurgents captured and twenty who had surrendered. The gunboat also captured three boats which had been used by the insurgents in their expeditions.

The Spanish gunboat Sandoval recently landed eighty men near Cape Cruz, province of Santiago de Cuba, routing a force of insurgents there, capturing-an insurgent prefecture, and a quantity of arms, and seizing the valuable salt mines taken possession of by the insurgents in that vicinity. The enemy had previously killed a member of the local guerilla force, who acted as a guide for the Spaniards.

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HABANA, April 29.—Premier Canovas, according to the statements of several Habana newspapers, has stated that the government considers it expedient to wait for confirmation of the news as to the pacification of Cuba before establishing the promised reforms. The official press argues from this that the date of putting the reforms into effect will not be remote.

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HABANA. April 20.—A number of skirmishes have taken place recently in the
province of Santa Clara. The losses of the
insurgents are officially reported as thirty-eight killed, three wounded, and one
taken prisoner. The Spanish troops have
selzed the contents of two camps, including an armory and several well-stocked
shops.

WEYLER TO LEAVE SANTA CLARA HABANA, April 20.—It is expected that Captain-General Weyler will soon leave the city of Santa Clara. The weather re-mains unsettled, and rain is failing almains unsettled, most constantly.

THE CITY BY THE SEA. To Fight for Greece-Improvements.

A Marriage.

NORFOLK, VA., April 20 .- (Special.)-The Greek victory at Reveni yesterday has had a visible result in Norfolk. George Skalradese came to this city from has had a visible result in Norfolk. George Skalradese came to this city from Greece about two years ago, and opened a Greek restaurant. He has succeeded well and has saved considerable money. This morning he read the press dispatches giving an account of the battle at Reveni, and the route of the Turks, and he at once decided to return and enjoy some of the triumphs the Greek soldier can claim. So he offers his establishment for sale this afternoon, and will leave for Greece as soon as his business is closed out.

The Merchants' and Miners' Transportation Company began extensive repairs at its wharf property in this city today. New piles will be driven and a new building for raliway and freight cierks will be erected.

The Southern Railway Company to-day began clearing away the old buildings at the corner of Water and Jackson streets to make room for the erection of a handsome office building there as soon as possible.

Ensign Charles Webster, of the battleship Brooklyn, and Miss Annie Old were quietly married at the residence of the bride's father, Judge W. W. Old, in this city, this afternoon. Rev. Dr. O. S. Barten, rector of Christ Episcopal church, officiated. The pair left on an extended tour North.

SENSATIONAL SHOOTING AFFAIR.

A Young Lady Fired Upon from Am bush-Her Condition Critical.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., April 20 .- A sensational shooting affair occurred about 6:30 this evening, Miss Mary about 6:30 this evening. M'ss Mary Louise Gato, a beautiful Cuban woman, about 29 years old, the daughter of E. H. Gato, manager of a tobaceo company, being critically wounded. Edward Pitger, a young man of about the same age the suitor of the girl, is under arrest charged with the crime, although he denies it.

Just as the girl was about to enter her home she was fired upon from ambush, the first bullet passing through her left

arm. Another bullet entered the right side of the back, penetrating the liver, and still another the left side, passing through the lung. A fourth bullet in the back was stopped by a steel rib in her corset. Another bullet went through her hat. Pitzer and the girl had been keeping company about three years, but it is said that she did not favor his sut, although he continued with great persis-tency. He is the son of a prominent

DEMAND FOR SUGAR-BEET SEED. Farmers in Many States Disposed to

Try New Crop.

WASHINGTON, April 20,-The Agricultural Department is being importuned from all parts of the country for sugarbeet seed. In view of the unsatisfactory prices received for staple crops during the past few years, and the prospective the past few years, and the prospective increase in the duty on sugar, farmers in all sections of the Union evidently intend to experiment with sugar-beet culture. Heretofore sugar-beet growing has been confined almost exclusively to Necondary Children. been confined almost exclusively to Ne-braska, Kansas, and California. The Agricultural Department has sent beet-seeds this spring to about thirty States and Territories. The demand comes from Ohlo, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, the Dakotas, Texas, New Mexico, Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Teanes-see, Kentucky, and Virginia. There have also been requests from Pennsylvania and New York. A Nebraska sugar-re-fining company donated five tons of beet-seed to the department, and the depart-ment has purchased two tons addittonal. ment has purchased two tons addition The supply is about exhausted, but the demand continues. If successful, the in-dustry will probably be developed in many States in which experiments ar made this year, supplanting corn and

Street-Railway Consolidation. BALTIMORE, April 29—The call for proxies from stockholders of the City and Suburban Railway and the Traction Company is being largely responded to. As soon as sufficient proxies are in hand a special meeting of the stockholders of the two companies will be called, at which a plan of consolidation will be submitted. It was reported in financial circles today that the basis of consolidation would provide that the capital stock of the consolidated lines should be \$9,00,000. According to the report, this was to be exchanged for City and Suburban stock at its par value of \$50 a share, and for Traction stock at \$21 a share, the par value of the latter now standing at \$25 a share.

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COLUMBUS, O., April 21.—The first electrocutions in Ohio took place at 12:46 o'clock this morning. William Haas and William Wiley, both murderers, paid the penalty for their crimes. The electrocution of Haas was set for April 8th, but owing to the burning out of the armature of the electrocution dynamo, the execution had to be postponed, and Governor Bushnell fixed the date so that Haas would be electrocuted on the day set for the electrocution of Wiley. A new armature, to be used only for electrocutions, was secured, and the test to-day showed it to be fully up to requirements. Both electrocutions were eminently successful.

Failure in Baltimore.

BALTIMORE. April 29.—Andrew J. Biedler, Charles E. Biedler, and Thomas Bean, trading as Biedler Brothers, whole-sale dealers in shoes, at 6 south Liberty sale dealers in snoes, at 5 south Liberty street, made an assignment to-day for the benefit of their creditors to Frank R. Bledler, trustee, who is bonded for \$125,-630. The assets will be about \$69,000. The failure is attributed to inability to realize upon outstanding debts, and general business depression.

Billy Birch No More.

NEW YORK, April 20.—Billy Birch, the old-time minstrel, died at his home this afternoon of paralysis of the brain and chronic Bright's disease. He had been very ill for over a month.

Latest from the Wires.

Halifax, N. S.—The Liberals swept the province in the elections for the local House.

New York.—The coldest April 30th on re-cord, being only 24 degrees above zero. The minimum temperature on the same day last year was 61. Rome.—The Italian Geographical Society has received news of the safety of the Botego expedition, reported to have been destroyed by the Abyssinians.

Buffalo, N. Y.—About three miles of fee were visible off this port Monday, but a strong wind blew it down the Niagara river, and at daybreak only a small streak was left Magusta, Me.—The Kennebec Journal prints a letter from Joseph Manley, in which he states that he is not a candi-date for the seat of the late Congressman Seth L. Milliken.

Boise, Idaho.—Travel on the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company's line is badly demoralized. A number of bridges are reported washed out between Hunt-ington and Baker City.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Amos Rusic stated ostitively that he had signed a New York contract, and had forwarded it to President Freedman on Monday. He will leave for New York this morning.

Philadelphia. Pa.—Billy Vernon, the Haverstraw brickmaker, of Haverstraw, N. Y., was probably fatally injured in a boxing bout with Leslie Pearce, of Camden, N. J., at the Olympic Athletic Club, at Athens, Pa.

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Philadelphia.—Henry Selig, 49 years old, claiming to reside in New York, was arrested on the charge of being a fugitive from justice who is under indictment for grand larceny. He is accused of being mixed up with the operations of the now notorious Valentine-McLaughing gang of swindlers in New York, which was broken up in November last by a number of arrests.

Pittshurg, Pa.—The grand jury, brought

Pittsburg, Pa.—The grand jury brought in true bilis, on six counts, against Clinton Woods, or Pittsburg, and Edward T. Farrow, of Brooklyn, insurance agents, alleged to have fradulently written \$29,-90 worth of policies in the New York Mutual Reserve Life Association, making Woods the beneficiary. C. T. Harper, of the Mutual Association, is the prosecutor. Woods was held under \$5,000 ball, and Farrow, it is expected, will be arrested to-day.

Macon, Ga,—Charles B. Reid, who shot and killed L. M. Halstend, an attache of Cooper's circus, in this city, April 7th, because of an insult said to have been offered to Reid's wife by Halstead, was bodicted for murder by the grand jury of Bibb county. Mrs. A. E. Reid, the wife, who was present at the killing and Robert Dennington, a friend of Reid's, who accompanied him in the search for the man who was killed, were also indicted for murder, as "principals in the second degree."

Tallahassee, Fla.—Rallotting for a Linted

second degree."

Taila hassee, Fla.—Halloting for a United States senator to succeed ex-Senator Wilkinson Call, whose term expired March 4th, and John A. Henderson, appointed by Governor Bloxham ad interim, and not yet seated, began. The leading candidates are ex-Senator Call, Colonel W. D. Chipley, ex-Chief-Justice George P. Raney, Judge W. A. Hocker, and R. A. Burford. In the House the result was: Call, 28; Chipley, 16; Hocker, 19; Raney, 6; Burford, 4; seattering, 3. In the Senate: Chipley, 8; Raney, 8; Call, 5; Burford, 3; Hocker, 2; scattering, 3. Total, 36; necessary to an election, 49.

A Disgusted British Tourist. (Chicago Journal.) .

"But your blawsted people are so blooming ignorant," complained the British "Lawst night in the pawk the band played God Syve the Queen, and a lot of young chaps broke out singing some-

thing about 'Sweet Land of Liberty. Not His Hero. (Lealie's Weekly.) Teacher: Who was the hero of New

Teacher: No. no; Jackson. Tommy: Why. Jackson waz afraid to fight in New Orleans, mum. May Be Something in This.

Orleans?

(Chicago Record.) "If I ever get to be a celebrity I mean to be gracious to everybody."
"Well, if you began by being gracious to everybody now, don't you think that would give you some ground for being considered a celebrity?"

Old papers for sale at 25c. a hundred at Dispatch office.

NEW IRISH LEAGUE.

"INDEPENDENCE OF ALLIANCES

WITH ANY ENGLISH PARTY.

Organization of Parnellites with a View to "Absolutely Independent

Irish Nation."

Action for the Benefit of the Whole

DUBLIN, April 20,-There was a large attendance of prominent Parnellites at the convention summoned to meet in this city to-day by John E. Redmond, The meeting was private. A resolution was adopted providing for the formation of an independent Irish league, in which agrarian interests are not to be dominant, and which will be founded upon "the broader and sounder basis of inde pendent political action for the benefit of the whole Irish nation." The object of the league will be "civil and religious liberty, and no further interference of priests in politics; absolute independence of alliances with any English party; the principle of federalism in Mr. Gladstons' home-rule proposition, and manbool suffrage, which will give the Para-littee a political majority in Ireland." The lengue will also urge the immediate redress of Ireland's financial grievances,

redress of Ireland's financial griev amnesty for all political prisoners, law reform, and the developmen encouragement of labor and the trial resources of the country, et A temporary Executive Committee elected to draft a plan of organisand to hold office until the Parconvention meets again in October There was a fair attendance at the lie meeting which followed the proceedings marked by much enthusiasm. My mond explained the new movemen appealed to Irishmen at home a America for support. He outline policy of obstruction to be pursithe House of Commons in order cure redress of financial grievance mention of the name of Timothy rington produced a hostile demotion.

Mr. Stuyvesant Chandler, who Mr. Stuyvesant Chandler, who had a very hearty reception, declared that the new platform contained the cornerstone of the American Constitution, and that the birth of the new league would revive the interest of all Americans in the welfare of Ireland. Amid loud cheers, he bade England bewars of "that yeast throng of Irishmen in the United States, with the same old love of freland, who hate England in their hearts." A resolution approving the procession A resolution approving the proceeding of the conference was adopted unan

THE COCKADE CITY. A Serious Accident-Visitors to the

Battle-Fields-Political. PETERSBURG, VA., April 20.-(Spial.)-Mr. Edward H. Chambers, a ci

zen of Dinwiddie county, was painfully if not seriously injured by an acciden

on Halifax street this morning. He was driving down the street, and was abe turning into the yard of his broth Mr. R. F. Chambers, when his was was running rapidly down grade. I wagen was knocked some distance a badly broken. Mr. Chambers was throut upon the ground, and besides have one or more ribs broken, was, it is feed, internally injured. A colored me who was in the wagen with him was thrown out, but beyond slie bruises, was not hurt. Mr. Chamber seed, in the was not have the colored me will be a day or two before the tent of his injuries can be developed VISITORS TO THE BATTLE-FIELD. VISITORS TO THE BATTLE-FIELDS.

Mr. Arthur McClellan, of Philadelphia a brother of the late General George it, McClellan, and his nephew. Mr. John M. McClellan, also of Philadelphia spen yesteniay in our city as the guests of Mr. George Cameron. They visited the battle-neids east of the city, and inspected old Fort Steadman with interest. It was at this fort that Mr. Arthur McClellan was stationed during the sease of Petersburg. Mr. John H. Hurt, a prominent tobacconist of New York was also a visitor to the battle-neids yesterday. VISITORS TO THE BATTLE-FIELDS

GENERAL NEWS. The last, and probably the most fast-ionable, german of the season will be given at the Grays' Armory to-morrow

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Thus far, no opposition has been developed to Mr. Charles A. Slaughter for City Treasurer. Saturday is the last day for the entry of names, and if no other candidate appears by that time. Mr. Slaughter will probably be declared the Democratic nominee by the City Committee without the formality of a primary election.

try election.

Dr. Fitzgerald, of Boston, is a guest the residence of Major F. R. Lassiert there is nothing new in reference to e negotiations for the purchase of the ginin and Carolina railroad. Pro-ly next week will develop the status

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James James, the young pitcher for the Washington team, spent last night with friends in this city. James made his start as a pitcher in Petersburg, and was with the Farmers for two seasons.

A slight fire occurred on High stret this morning, burning the roof of a house owned by Mr. W. T. Lawrence, and occupied by a colored family. No insurance.

According to reports here, Colonel Ass Rogers is slated for the office of Collector of Customs and Morgan Treat for United States Marshal for the Eastern District. But there are eight or ten good Republican applicants who do not think this slate will hold.

BURNED TO DEATH.

A Terrible Affair in Sussex-Bitten by a Rabid Dog. WAVERLY, VA., April 20 .- (Spe

The residence of Junius Vaughan, a colthis place, caught on fire on the night of the 18th instant, while the inmates of the house were asleep, and was enlirely destroyed. When Vaughan awoke he at tempted to carry out his bed, and upon his returning to recover his two children the roof fell in, and the children were burket to death. Vaughan ran out of the house but was so badly burned that he died of vesterior.

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Yesterday morning, when Mr. J. T. Harris, a highly-respected citizen regizing three miles west of Waverly, got up he found a strange dog fastened to his feare. When he went to loose him the dog bit him on the right hand. It was soon ascertained that the dog belonged to Mr. J. W. Horn, of this county, and that he was thought to have rables. Mr. Horn had had the animal confined in a house by a chain for several days, and during the night he gnawed out, and went upon the premises of Mr. Harris's, where he accidentally got fastened to the feace. The dog bit Mr. Horn on the arm before leaving his house. The dog's conduct convinced all who saw him that he had that rables, and he was killed. Mr. Harris' and Mr. Horn both secured majstones from Mr. Parker, near Cabin Point, Surry county, Va., and applied them to their wounds. At this writing they are doing fairly well, though they are somewhat alarmed.

Ex-Judge R. W. Arnold, of Norfolk, is spending a few days with his family, in our town.

Mr. C. D. West has gone to Newport

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Mr. C. D. West has gone to Newport News on a business trip.

Judge West attended Southampton Court yesterday.

Judge West denied the two applications for fiquor-licenses at Waketield and ose at Jarrett's last week, and the applicants have appealed to the Circuit Court.

City Commissioner Starving.

LORAINE, O., April 2h-City-Commissioner Kramer to-day applied to the towns ship trustees for help. He had received appay for four months and was starying. Not being able to realize anything from the work he did on the streets, he said the only course left him to pursue was to ask for aid.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

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PORT OF NEWPORT NEWS, APRIL 24 (By telegraph.)
ARRIVED.

Schooner Governor Ames, Providence, Schooner Kate B. Ogden, Fall River, Barge Coal King, New York, SAILED.

Schooner G. M. Brainerd, Rockland. Schooner Bertha Walker, Charlestos. Bark Atlantico, Cadiz.